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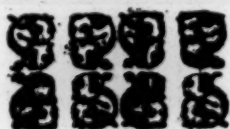
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Mr Speaker,

Amongst the many mercies of God to these poor Nations, your peaceable Restauration is not the least: it is his work alone, and to him belongs the glory of it: and I esteem it as a great effect of his goodness to me, that he was pleased to make me amongst many worthier in your service, some way instrumental in it. I did nothing but my duty, and do not deserve to receive so great honour and respect as you are pleased to give me at this time and place; which I shall ever acknowledge as an high mark of your favour to me. Sir, I shall not now trouble you with large Narratives, onely give me leave to acquaint you, that as I marcht from *Scotland* hither, I observed the people in most Counties in great and earnest Expectations of Settlement; and they made several Applications to me, with numerous

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Subscriptions the chiefest Heads of their de-
 fires, were, For a Free & Full Parliament; and
 That you would determine your sitting, A
 Gospel Ministry, Incouragement of Learn-
 ing and Universities, And for admittance
 of the Members secluded before 1648. with-
 out any previous Oath or Engagement. To
 which I commonly answered, That you are
 now in a Free Parliament; and if there be
 any force remaining upon you, I would en-
 deavour to remove it; and that you had Vo-
 ted to fill up your House, and then you
 would be a Full Parliament also, and that
 you had already determined your Sitting:
 and for the Ministry, their Maintenance, the
 Laws and Universities, you had largely de-
 clared in your last Declaration; and I was
 confident you would adhere to it: but as
 for those Gentlemen secluded in the year
 1648. I told them you had given Judgment
 in it; and all people ought to acquiesce in
 that Judgment: but to admit any Mem-
 bers to sit in Parliament without a previous
 Oath or Engagement to secure the Govern-
 ment in being, it was never yet done in
 England. And although I said it not to
 them,

them, I could say with pardon to you, that the less Oaths and Engagements are imposed, (with respect had to the security of the Common Cause) your Settlement will be the sooner attained to. I am the more particular in these matters, to let you see how grateful your present Consultations about these things, will be to the people. I know all the sober Gentry will heartily close with you, if they may be tenderly and gently used; and I am sure you will so use them, as knowing it to be our common Concern, to expatiate, and not narrow our Interests; and to be careful neither the Cavalier nor Phariatique Party have yet a share in your Civil or Military Power; of the last of whose impatience to Government, you have had so severe Experience. I should say something of *Ireland* and *Scotland*: Indeed *Ireland* is in an ill condition, and made worse by your sudden Interruption, which prevented the passing an Act for the settlement of the Estates of Adventurers and Souldiers there, which I heard you intended to have done in a few dayes; and I presume it will be quickly done, being so necessary at this time.

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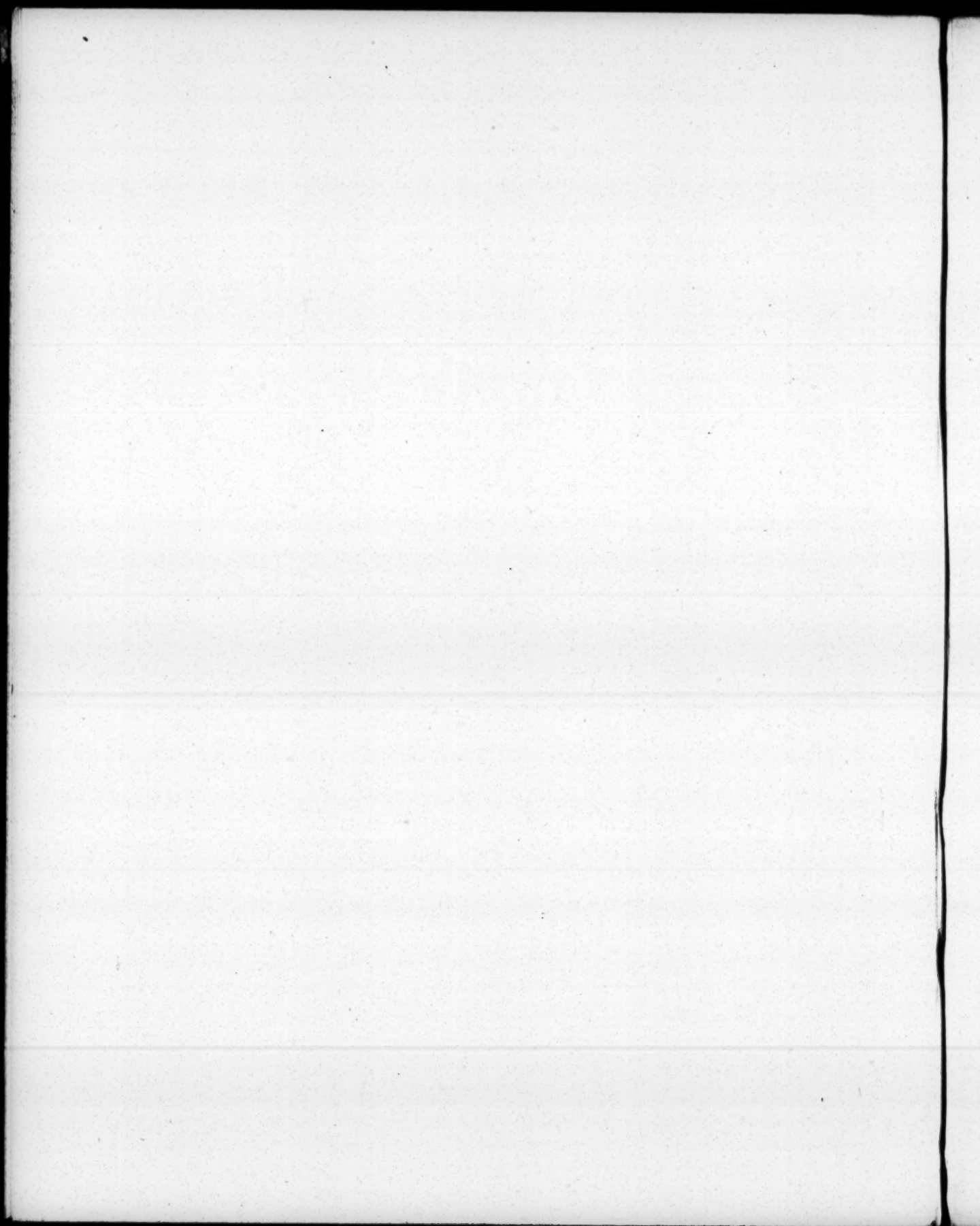
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time; when the wants of the Commonwealth call for supplies, and people will unwillingly pay Taxes for those Estates of which they have no Legal Assurance. (I need not tell you how much your favour was abused in the Nomination of your Officers of your Army there; their Malice hath been sufficiently manifested: I dare affirm that those now that have declared for you, will continue faithful, and thereby evince, that as well there as here, it is the sober Interest that must establish your Dominion. As for Scotland, I must say the people of that Nation deserve much to be cherished; and I believe your late Declaration will much glad their Spirits; for nothing was more dreadful to them, then a fear to be over-run with Phanatique Notions.

I humbly recommend them to your Affection and Esteem, and desire the intended Act of Union may be prosecuted, and their Taxes made proportionable to those in England, for which I am engaged by promise to be an humble Suitor to you. And truly, Sir, I must ask leave to entreat you to make a speedie provision for their Civil Government,

ment, of which they have been destitute near a year, to the ruine of many Families ; and except Commissioners for management of the Government , and Judges to sit in Courts of Judicature , be speedily appointed, that Country will be very miserable. I directed Mr. *Gumble* lately to present to you some Names ; both of Commissioners and Judges : but by reason of your great Affairs, he was not required to deliver them in writing to you ; but I now humbly present them to your Consideration.

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